



City of Lake Charles

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Meeting Minutes City Council

*Luvertha August, Mark Eckard, Rodney Geyen, John Ieyoub,
Mary Morris, Johnnie Thibodeaux,
Council President: Stuart Weatherford*

Wednesday, March 17, 2021

5:30 PM

Council Chambers at City Hall

CALL TO ORDER - Stuart Weatherford, President of the Council, presided

INVOCATION - Mark Eckard

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Chief Shawn Caldwell

ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - John Ieyoub, Johnnie Thibodeaux, Luvertha August, Mark Eckard, Rodney Geyen, Mary Morris, and President or Presiding Officer Stuart Weatherford

Absent: 0

Also present were Mayor Nic Hunter, Mr. David L. Morgan, City Attorney and Lynn F. Thibodeaux, Clerk of the Council.

The monthly financial reports for February, 2021 were provided to the City Council members by the Department of Finance. The reports include the Budget to Actual Revenues and the Budget to Actual Expenditures.

Prior to the meeting Mayor Hunter and Stuart Weatherford recognized Police Officer Brennan Bernat for saving the life of a gentleman by pulling him out of a burning car. Also recognized were Cpl. Ryan Gaspard and PFC Russel Dennis who saved the life of a new born baby. Chief Shawn Caldwell outlined the details of the heroic acts and thanked them for a job well done.

Mr. Weatherford stated items 3 and 5 were being deferred to the April 7, 2021 City Council meeting and would not be discussed at this meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 3, 2021

A motion was made to approve the minutes. The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 7 - Ieyoub, Thibodeaux, August, Eckard, Geyen, Morris, and Weatherford

Against: 0

1. 347-2020

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for Project No. CP3177, West Prien Lake Road Widening, Cove Lane to Ihles Road

Sponsors: Mark Eckard

Appointed Mark Eckard Chairman

2. 32-21

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for Project No. CP3360, Foster Street and Riverside Drive Drainage Rehabilitation.

Sponsors: John leyoub

Appointed John leyoub Chairman

3. 338-2020

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement to purchase annual supply of public safety uniforms for use by the Lake Charles Fire and Police Departments for a twelve (12) month period with the option to renew for two (2) additional twelve (12) month periods.

Sponsors: Mary Morris

Deferred to the April 7, 2021 City Council meeting.

4. 348-2020

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement to purchase SCBA (self-contained breathing apparatus) equipment for use by the Lake Charles Fire Department.

Sponsors: Rodney Geyen

A motion was made that this item be adopted and accept the recommended bid from CASCO Industries in the amount of \$1,222,362.00. The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 7 - leyoub, Thibodeaux, August, Eckard, Geyen, Morris, and Weatherford

Against: 0

Enactment No: 18842

5. 21-21

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement to purchase annual supply of janitorial supplies for use by various City of Lake Charles Divisions and Departments for a twelve (12) month period with the option to renew for

one (1) additional twelve (12) month period.

Sponsors: John leyoub

Deferred to the April 7, 2021 City Council meeting.

6. 45-21

An ordinance authorizing the City to move \$500,000.00 from unallocated City drainage funds into a specific drainage allocation for Kayouche Coulee/Terrace Neighborhood Area for drainage improvements, and further directing the City of Lake Charles to pursue all additional funding resources and agencies to support this effort.

Sponsors: Rodney Geyen

Mr. Geyen thanked the administration and asked his colleges to support this ordinance. He stated it will help in an area that has been devastated by flooding numerous times. The Mayor and I asked the Gravity Drainage Board and the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury to step forward and join us to come up with a solution to eliminate this flooding or at least slow it down.

Ms. August stated this is a beautiful start and asked if the City has met with the Gravity Drainage Board and the Police Jury regarding their support.

Mayor Hunter stated we have visited with both bodies and they are both very supportive of this effort. He stated a meeting was held on March 16th which included the Drainage Board and the Police Jury to discuss the funding of this project.

Ms. Morris stated she is in support of this ordinance and reminded everyone about getting funds from the parish. She stated we need to ask the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury for funds they collect from the Road and Drainage Trust Fund.

Mr. Weatherford called for the vote.

A motion was made that this item be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 7 - leyoub, Thibodeaux, August, Eckard, Geyen, Morris, and Weatherford

Against: 0

Enactment No: 18843

6a. 30-21

An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to cease using the parcel at the corner of Ryan and Pine Streets, to declare the property as surplus, and to sell all of its interest in the property for its appraised value, and further authorizing the Lake Charles Redevelopment Agency to consent to the transfer.

There were no requests to speak on this item.

A motion was made that this item be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 7 - Ieyoub, Thibodeaux, August, Eckard, Geyen, Morris, and Weatherford

Against: 0

Enactment No: 18844

7. 42-21

A resolution accepting Project No. CP3343, 2019 Lift Station Rehabilitation - Brentwood Street, Fitzenreiter Road, 3rd McNabb Street, as substantially complete and authorizing the advertising of the 45-day lien period.

A motion was made that this item be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 7 - Ieyoub, Thibodeaux, August, Eckard, Geyen, Morris, and Weatherford

Against: 0

Enactment No: 16-21

THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES ARE FOR INTRODUCTION BY CONSENT AND WERE READ INTO THE RECORD THE DAY FOLLOWING THIS MEETING AT 9:00A.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN CITY HALL

8. 47-21

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of Lake Charles to enter into A&E agreements with architects, engineers and other consultants with whom the City of Lake Charles has existing professional service agreements for the purpose of hurricane repairs and rebuilding.

Introduced as read into the record on the consent agenda by Lynn F. Thibodeaux, Clerk of the Council.

9. 48-21

An ordinance enlarging the boundaries of the City of Lake Charles, Louisiana, by annexing property generally described as 2302 Smith Road (Southeast section Smith Road at its intersection with East Pinewood Drive), containing 0.76 acres more or less defining with certainty and precision the territory to be included in the corporate limits of the City of Lake Charles, Louisiana, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

Introduced as read into the record on the consent agenda by Lynn F. Thibodeaux, Clerk of the Council.

10. 49-21

An ordinance assigning zoning classification of Mixed Use to 0.76 acres, more or less, generally described as 2302 Smith Road (Southeast section

Smith Road at its intersection with East Pinewood Drive).

**Introduced as read into the record on the consent agenda by Lynn F. Thibodeaux,
Clerk of the Council.**

11. 50-21

An ordinance assigning Councilmanic District "F" to newly annexed property containing 0.76 acres more or less generally described as 2302 Smith Road (Southeast section Smith Road at its intersection with East Pinewood Drive).

**Introduced as read into the record on the consent agenda by Lynn F. Thibodeaux,
Clerk of the Council.**

Mr. Weatherford stated items 8 through 11 would be read into the record by Lynn F. Thibodeaux, Clerk of the Council at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 18th in the City Council Chambers.

ADJOURNMENT - With no further business to come before the Council, Mr. Weatherford declared the meeting adjourned at 5:50p.m. The next regular meeting of the City Council will be April 7, 2021.

I, LYNN F. THIBODEAUX, do hereby certify that I am the duly qualified and acting Clerk of the Council of the City of Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana. I further certify that the above and foregoing constitutes a true and correct copy of the Minutes of a meeting of the City Council of said City, held on the 17th day of March, 2021.

WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my official signature and impressed hereon the official seal of said City, this 19th day of March 2021. S/Lynn F. Thibodeaux, Clerk of the Council

I, LYNN F. THIBODEAUX, do hereby certify that I am the duly qualified and acting Clerk of the Council of the City of Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana. I further certify that the above and foregoing constitutes a true and correct copy of the Ordinances adopted at a meeting of the City Council of said city held on the 17th day of March, 2021.

WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my official signature and impressed upon the official seal of said City, this 19th day of March, 2021. S/Lynn F. Thibodeaux, Clerk of the Council.

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